



UW-LA CROSSE ACADEMIC BUILDING
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PLANNING COMMITTEE CONCEPT REVIEW MEETING #1

MEETING START TIME: 3:10 p.m.
MEETING END TIME: 5:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Bill Colclough	Interim Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs
Ron Rada	UW-La Crosse
Matt Lewis	Campus Planning and Facilities Management
Bruce May	College of Business Administration - Interim Dean
Ray Abhold	College of Science & Health - Associate Dean
Karen McLean	College of Science & Health – Interim Dean
Jay Lokken	Office of International Education - Director
Paula Knudson	Student Development/Academic Services - Dean
Ruthann Benson	College of Liberal Studies – Interim Dean
Billy Clow	College of Liberal Studies – Interim Associate Dean
Chris Bakkum	Interim Registrar
Elena Bantle	Student
Bjorn Bergman	Student
Larry Earll	DSF
Bill Patek	JJR
Valentine J. Schute, Jr.	River Architects
Mike Adler	River Architects
Ryan Wilkening	River Architects

NOTES:

1. Matt Lewis opened the meeting with a brief overview of the new academic building project.
2. Val Schute of River Architects reviewed the project development process and the current status of the project. Programming was completed in February and the project is currently in the Schematic Design Phase. During this phase, the building program statement is transformed into physical spaces and the building footprint and scale starts to take shape. The goal of this phase is to understand the layout of the building, circulation, adjacencies, and overall building form. The process is designed to include administration, faculty, student, and community input with meetings scheduled through the summer with the Steering Committee and into the fall semester for student involvement.
3. Bill Patek of JJR reviewed the site analysis drawing which indicates the buildable footprint set by the new campus mall to the east, a utility corridor to the south, and service access and green space to the west and north. The buildable footprint is roughly 72,800 square feet. The site analysis illustrates the locations of major and minor pedestrian traffic which highlight possible entrances on all four sides of the building.

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4. Val Schute reviewed the Building Program Statement department and area summary which indicates the size of the building based on programmed needs of the building.
5. The Architectural Design Guidelines presented in the UW-L Campus Master Plan were reviewed as being a tool for the exterior design of the new academic building.
6. Val Schute addressed some initial design assumptions for the building design concepts. These assumptions included:
 - a) Formal entrance on Mall (East) with additional entrances on north and south sides.
 - b) Position vertical circulation (stairs) at entry points.
 - c) 4 level design scheme.
 - d) Simplify wayfinding layout for interior halls.
 - e) All of the classrooms on levels 1, 2, and 3.
 - f) Both 250 seat auditorium style classrooms on level 1.
 - g) Exterior design follows UW-L Campus Master Plan Architectural Design Guidelines.
7. Design Concepts A and B were distributed for review and discussion.
 - a) Concept A comments:
 - Hall of Nations gathering space located on the first floor and near main entry. The space will be used by everyone on campus, not just International Education.
 - Move 64 seat classroom located south of the main entry and relocate Multicultural Student Services and Campus Climate so that they work in unison off the main lobby area to emphasize commitment to these services.
 - The stair tower/entry located at the northwest corner will be used more than the stair located at the center of the north wall.
 - The stair tower/entry located at the south wall should be designed as a welcoming entry point since this is the closest entry to the public parking lot.
 - Currently there is no programmed space located in the basement.
 - Levels 1, 3, and 4 mix student and faculty traffic. UW-L will provide direction on whether or not this is desirable. Heavy traffic flow from students going up and down the stairs versus the interaction between students and faculty versus isolating the faculty to upper floors versus isolating students to upper floors.
 - Should all learning spaces be located on exterior walls for daylight? Should all offices be located on exterior walls for daylight? Currently, 88% of the learning spaces are located directly on exterior walls or have potential of borrowed daylight from an adjoining space. 12% of the learning spaces are located at interior spaces isolated from daylight.
 - Gender neutral restrooms will be required. Although they aren't labeled on the plan, they are shown as a space in between the men's and women's restrooms.
 - Minimal duct/piping chases are indicated on the plans. Some of the departments and learning spaces are oversized in the preliminary stages to accommodate these chases as the plans are developed.
 - Floor to floor heights are currently shown at 16'-0". As a result, the building is 60'-0"+ tall, versus other four story buildings on campus (res-halls) that have a 8'-0" floor to floor height, resulting in a 32'-0"+/- tall building.

- The traditional symmetrical elevation (i.e. Graff Main Hall influence) sketch garnered some initial interest.
- b) Concept B comments:
- International Education would prefer to not have a separated department. The ideal setting is to have one receptionist to welcome visitors.
 - Currently, 70% of the learning spaces are located directly on exterior walls or have potential of borrowed daylight from an adjoining space. 30% of the learning spaces are located at interior spaces isolated from daylight.
 - The asymmetrical contemporary elevation (i.e. Health Science and Reuter Hall influence) utilized the Architectural Design Guidelines to demonstrate the range of design potential.
- c) Further review of both concepts is critical in the design of the building and needs to occur as soon as possible with the focus on departmental locations, orientation, circulation, learning space dispersion, and adjacencies.
8. UW-L to review a method to receive feedback from faculty and students. Options presented were online discussion forums, posting the drawings on the academic building website, presentation boards located at the office of campus planning with comment sheets to be filled out, etc.
9. The next planning committee review meeting is scheduled for August 6th at 10:00.
10. River Architects to send 11x17 drawings to Maura Donnelly at UW-System Administration.

Meeting Notes by: Michael J. Adler, Associate AIA

Note: This constitutes our understanding of the issues presented. Contact River Architects, Inc. via phone at (608) 785-2217, or e-mail m.adler@river-architects.com if there are any discrepancies.

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